
NO. 496
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL
April 3, 2008
MINUTES

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Regional Council (RC) of the Southern California Association of Governments held its meeting at the downtown offices in Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Gary Ovitt, Supervisor, San Bernardino County. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Hon. Gary Ovitt, San Bernardino County, President	
Hon. Yvonne, Burke, Los Angeles County, Immediate Past President	
Hon Richard Dixon, Lake Forest 1 st Vice President	District 13
Hon. Harry Baldwin, San Gabriel, 2 nd Vice President	District 35
Hon. Jeff Stone, Riverside, County	
Hon. Linda Parks, Ventura County	
Hon. Chris Norby, Orange County	
Hon. Jon Edney, El Centro	District 1
Hon. Ron Roberts, Temecula	District 5
Hon. Lee Ann Garcia, Grand Terrace	District 6
Hon. Deborah Robertson	District 8
Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario	District 10
Hon. Lawrence Dale, Barstow	District 11
Hon. Troy Edgar, Los Alamitos	District 20
Hon. Sharon Quirk, Fullerton	District 21
Hon. Lou Bone, Tustin	District 17
Hon. Christine Barnes, La Palma	District 18
Hon. Larry Nelson, City of Aretsia	District 23
Hon. Gene Daniels, Paramount	District 24
Hon. Frank Gurule, Cudahy	District 27
Hon. Rae Gabelich, Long Beach	District 29
Hon. Mike Ten, South Pasadena	District 36
Hon. Tom Sykes, Walnut	District 37
Hon. Paula Lantz, Pomona	District 38
Hon. Paul Nowatka, Torrance	District 39
Hon. Stan Carroll, La Habra Heights	District 31
Hon. Keith Hanks, Azusa	District 33
Hon. Margaret Clark, Rosemead	District 32
Hon. Barbara Messina, Alhambra	District 34
Hon. Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica	District 41
Hon. Dennis Washburn, Calabasas	District 44
Hon. Toni Young, Port Hueneme,	District 45

Hon. Glen Becerra, Simi Valley	District 46
Hon. Debbie Cook, Huntington Beach	District 64
Hon. Thomas Buckley, Lake Elsinore	District 63
Hon. Tim Jasper, Apple Valley	District 65
Hon. Robin Lowe, Hemet	RCTC
Hon. Paul Leon, Ontario	SANBAG
Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park	OCTA
Hon. Keith Millhouse, Moorpark	VCTC

Members Not Present

Hon. Victor Carrillo, Imperial Valley	
Hon. Zev Yaroslavsky, LA County	
Hon. Greg Pettis, Cathedral City	District 2
Hon. Bonnie Flickinger, Moreno Valley	District 3
Hon. Ron Loveridge, Riverside	District 4
Hon. Larry McCallon, Highland	District 7
Hon. Paul Eaton, Montclair	District 9
Hon. Paul Glabb, Laguna Niguel	District 12
Hon. Leslie Daigle, Newport Beach	District 14
Hon. Robert Hernandez, Anaheim	District 19
Hon. John Beauman, Brea	District 22
Hon. David Gafin, Downey	District 25
Hon. Isadore Hall, Compton	District 26
Hon. Judy Dunlap, Inglewood	District 28
Hon. Tonia Reyes-Uranga, Long Beach	District 30
Hon. Jim Aldinger, Manhattan Beach	District 40
Hon. Frank Quintero, Glendale	District 42
Hon. Carl Morehouse, San Buenaventura	District 47
Hon. Ed Reyes, Los Angeles	District 48
Hon. Wendy Greuel, Los Angeles	District 49
Hon. Dennis Zine, Los Angeles	District 50
Hon. Tom LaBonge, Los Angeles	District 51
Hon. Jack Weiss, Los Angeles	District 52
Hon. Tony Cardenas, Los Angeles	District 53
Hon. Bernard Parks, Los Angeles	District 55
Hon. Jan Perry, Los Angeles	District 56
Hon. Herb Wesson, Los Angeles	District 57
Hon. Bill Rosendahl, Los Angeles	District 58
Hon. Greig Smith, Los Angeles	District 59
Hon. Eric Garcetti, Los Angeles	District 60
Hon. Jose Huizar, Jr., Los Angeles	District 61
Hon. Janice Hahn, Los Angeles	District 62
Hon. Andy Masiel, Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians	
Hon. Antonio Villaraigosa, Los Angeles	At-Large

Staff Present

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director

Rich Macias, Interim Director, Planning & Policy
Joe Burton, Chief Counsel
Wayne Moore, Chief Financial Officer
Shelia Stewart, Executive Assistant

1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Ovitt, President. Mayor Lawrence Dale led the pledge of allegiance.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Kevin Vierra, WRCOG, announced that the Western Riverside County Council of Governments will hold their annual General Assembly on June 19, 2008. The keynote speaker will be George Stephanopoulos.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made (Dale) to approve the consent calendar items. Motion was SECONDED (Messina) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

3.1 Approval Items

3.1.1 Minutes of March 6, 2008 Meeting.

3.1.2 Authorize the Executive Director to execute an MOU with SANBAG and RCTC for Section 5316/5317 (JARC/New Freedom)

3.1.3 Resolution Renewing Bank of the West Credit Line of Credit

3.2 Receive & File

3.2.1 Amendments, Contracts/Purchase Orders, between \$5,000- \$250,000

3.2.2 CFO Month Report

4.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

4.1 Announcement of Regional Council District Elections:

District # 6 - Hon. Pat Gilbreath, Redlands
District # 28 - Hon. Judy Dunlap, Inglewood
District # 8 - Hon. Deborah Robertson, Rialto
District # 40 - Hon. Jim Aldinger, Manhattan Beach
District # 10 - Hon. Glenn Duncan, Chino
District # 46 - Hon. Glen Becerra, Simi Valley
District # 12 - Hon. Paul Glaab, Laguna Niguel
District # 64 - Hon. Debbie Cook, Huntington Beach
District # 22 - Hon. John Beaman, Brea
District #24 – Hon. Gene Daniels, Paramount

Policy Committees Appointments

Representing Orange County COG:

CEHD: Hon. Ron Garcia, Brea;

EEC: Hon. Dean Grose, Los Alamitos; and Hon. Phil Luebben, Cypress

TCC Hon. Joel Bishop, Dana Point; Hon. Trish Kelley, Mission Viejo and Hon. Gail Reavis, Mission Viejo

Representing SANBAG:

CEHD: Hon Bea Cortes, Grand Terrace

President Ovitt announced that meetings would be scheduled in each of the six counties throughout the region for purposes of introducing SCAG as well as updating member cities and jurisdictions on its accomplishments.

4.3 Additional Stipends Request

Article VI, Section 1.4, states that the Regional Council members are eligible to receive up to six per diem stipends per month. Article VI, Section 1.5 states that the President may authorize up to two additional per diem stipends per month for Regional Council members. Nine or more per diem stipends per month require Regional Council approval. Councilmember Alan Wapner submitted a total of 12 stipends for the month of February 2008.

A motion was made (Young) to approve the Administration Committee recommendation, which was to allow President Ovitt to approve three more original stipends since five had already been paid. Motion was SECONDED (Messina).

Comments were presented from several members. Supervisor Norby stated that the overall stipend policy should be addressed, rather than on a case-by-case basis.

Councilmember Lantz offered a substitute motion to approve all eligible stipends submitted. In addition, the President will also have the authority in the future to determine what stipends are eligible. Motion was SECONDED (Gabelich).

There were 28 AYES and 3 NOES. The motion PASSED.

4.4 Consideration of Proposed Changes to the Regional Council (RC) Policy Manual

Joann Africa reported that last month, the RC considered and made recommendations regarding the proposed changes to the SCAG Bylaws. Related to the proposed Bylaws changes, the Force For Change (FFC) also proposed changes to the Policy Manual, adopted last year by the RC.

The proposed policy manual changes are intended to operate in conjunction with the proposed changes to the Bylaws, as such they will be effective subject to the approval of the proposed Bylaws at the 2008 General Assembly.

Proposed changes to Policy Manual related to the SCAG Bylaws

In addition, the RC recommended that the SCAG Bylaws be amended to eliminate the Executive Committee such that the Administration Committee would assume all current functions of the Executive Committee. The Policy Manual will be revised to be consistent with the recommendation.

Proposed Changes to the Policy Manual which are not related to the SCAG Bylaws

The FFC proposed changes to the Policy Manual not linked to SCAG Bylaws. Clarification regarding the Chairs and Vice Chairs of Policy Committees and their respective terms of office were proposed.

The FFC also proposed eliminating the “Meeting Day” schedule. It was recommended that the President and policy chairs be allowed to determine the time schedule.

As a measure to improve relationships with partner agencies and to increase the accessibility of SCAG staff to members, the FFC proposed amending the Regional Council Strategic Plan to include a policy whereby SCAG will endeavor to place satellite offices in each of the six counties. This effort may be in the form of sharing office space with SCAG member agencies and partners. It was felt that this policy should be included in the Regional Council strategic plan.

A motion was made (Dale) to approve recommendations as presented. Motion was SECONDED (Jasper).

Several members expressed concerns regarding the recent staff layoffs and whether or not funding for satellite offices would be appropriate to pursue at this time. Mr. Ikhrata presented comments to the Regional Council regarding this effort.

Councilmember Barnes offered a substitute motion to approve all recommendations but postpone the satellite offices for one year. Motion was SECONDED (Gabelich).

Supervisor Stone supported the idea of satellite offices. He felt that the policy should be left in place as a goal pending available funding.

Vote on substitute motion

There 6 AYES and 25 NOES. The motion failed

Vote on main motion

There were 31 AYES. The motion passed UNANIMOUSLY.

5.1 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Councilmember Roberts reported that the Nominating Committee recommended the following candidates as Officers for 2008:

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Councilmember Richard Dixon as President; Councilmember Harry Baldwin as 1st Vice President; and Councilmember Alan Wapner as 2nd Vice President.

Councilmember Young MOVED to accept the nominations of the President and 1st Vice President. However due to the results of the District 10 elections, she recommended that the 2nd Vice President position be considered at the next meeting of the Regional Council.

Joe Burton, Chief Counsel, stated that according to SCAG Bylaws, Councilmember Wapner is currently a Regional Council member representing District 10. Upon the adjournment of the General Assembly on May 8, 2008, his membership to the Regional Council will terminate and the newly elected representative of District 10, Glenn Duncan, will serve on the Regional Council.

Councilmember Gabelich offered a substitute motion recommending Councilmember Dixon as President; Councilmember Harry Baldwin as 1st Vice President; and Councilmember Alan Wapner as 2nd Vice President. Motion was SECONDED (Barnes).

There was a call for the question to end debate. There were 27 AYES and 3 NOES. The motion passed to end debate.

Vote on the substitute motion

There were 34 AYES and 2 NOES. The motion passed.

Councilmember Lantz requested that Chief Counsel Joe Burton prepare a brief recap of the action that just took place on this issue.

5.1 Administration Committee Report

5.1.2 Adjustment to FY 08 General Fund Budget

In the course of monitoring expenditure trends, three accounts were identified in the General Fund that will require adjustments to their current year budgets. The Administration Committee recommended that the Regional Council approve the adjustments.

Motion was made (Nowatka) to approve the Adjustment to the FY 08 General Fund Budget. Motion was SECONDED (Young) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

5.1.2 FY 2007-2008 OWP Budget Amendment 3

A third adjustment (Amendment 3) is required to add new projects to the FY2007-2008 Overall Work plan (OWP). As a result of the 2nd quarter progress report and year-end forecast, Amendment 3 will not require an increase to the FY07-08 OWP Budget. Amendment 3 consists of four project additions and three fund allocation revisions. The Administration Committee recommended that the Regional Council approve.

Motion was made (Nowatka) to approve the Adjustment to the FY 200708 OWP Budget Amendment 3. Motion was SECONDED (Young) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

5.1.3 FY 2009 Proposed General Fund Budget

Article VIII, paragraph 'B' of SCAG's Bylaws requires that the RC adopt an Association budget (General Fund) at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting. The Administration Committee recommended approval.

Motion was made (Nowatka) to approve the FY 2009 General Fund Budget. Motion was SECONDED (Young) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

5.1.4 Harbor Subdivision Alternative Analysis

The Administration Committee recommended that the Executive Director or his designee be authorized to execute in substantial form the MOU with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) regarding the Harbor Subdivision Alternatives Analysis.

Motion was made (Nowatka) to approve the Harbor Subdivision Alternative Analysis. Motion was SECONDED (Young) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

5.1.4 Congestion Pricing Operating Plan for LA County

The Administration Committee recommended that the Executive Director or his designee be authorized to execute in substantial form the MOU with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) regarding the Congestion Pricing Operating Plan for Los Angeles County.

Motion was made (Nowatka) to approve the Congestion Pricing Operation Plan for L.A. County. Motion was SECONDED (Young) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

5.1.5 Central County Corridor Major Investment Study

The Administration Committee recommended that the Executive Director or his designee be authorized to execute in substantial form the cooperative agreement with the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) regarding the Central County Corridor Major Investment Study

Motion was made (Nowatka) to approve the Central County Corridor Major Investment Study. Motion was SECONDED (Young) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

5.6.1 Amendments greater than \$75,000 (aggregate value)

Motion was made (Nowatka) to approve Amendments greater than \$75,000 (aggregate value). Motion was SECONDED (Young) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

5.2 Regional Council District Evaluations Process and Recommendations

Hon. Toni Young gave the report, as she served as the Vice-Chair of the District Evaluations Subcommittee (Subcommittee). The SCAG Bylaws requires that the composition of the SCAG districts be evaluated every five years. The District Evaluation Subcommittee has been meeting since December 2007 and discussed the SCAG districts as required by the SCAG Bylaws.

After several meetings, the Subcommittee is recommending adding two additional RC Districts (#66 and #67) and making adjustments to current composition of existing RC Districts. One of the recommended changes involves making the City of Irvine the only city in District #14. The Administration Committee reviewed the matter this morning and recommended that the Regional Council approve all the recommendations of the Subcommittee.

Motion was made (Young) to approve the recommendation by the Subcommittee as presented in the report. Motion was SECONDED (Nowatka)

Councilmember Wapner stated that due to projected growth within District 10, he recommended the following changes to District 10: move the City of Chino Hills to District 22; move the City of Chino to District 9; and move the City of Upland to District 10.

Councilmember Dixon offered a substitute motion that the recommendations of the Subcommittee as presented in the report be approved by the Regional Council at this time, but that the proposal made by Councilmember Wapner be reviewed by staff and District Evaluations Subcommittee and brought back for consideration by the Regional Council in May. Motion was SECONDED (Becerra).

There were 29 AYES and 7 NOES. The motion passed.

5.3 Community, Economic & Human Development (CEHD) Report:

No action was taken.

5.4 Energy & Environment Committee Report (EEC) Report:

Councilmember Cook announced that the EEC recommended merging of the different working groups and task forces to meet on a monthly basis under the umbrella of the RCP. There were no objections.

In addition the EEC discussed S 1499 (Boxer & Feinstein) and recommended supporting this legislation.

5.5 Transportation & Communications Committee (TCC) Report:

No action was taken, however there will be a special meeting of the TCC on April 11, 2008 to consider recommendations on the 2008 RTP.

6.0 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The Executive Director's report was emailed to the Regional Council. Mr. Ikhrata indicated that he would be available for questions.

7.0 **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

7.1 **Presentation from Senator (Steinberg) on SB 375**

Mannik Sakayan, Legislative Affairs, indicated that Senator Steinberg will be invited to the next RC meeting to speak on SB 375.

7.2 **SCAQMD's Air Pollution Fee (SB 1646 Padilla)**

Motion was made (Brown) to support SB 1646. Motion was SECONDED () and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

7.3 **S.1499 (Senators Boxer and Feinstein)**

Motion was made (Brown) to support SB 1646. Motion was SECONDED (Cook) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Brian Williams, Director Government Affairs, announced that subsequent to the notice regarding the CMAQ funding, SCAG was informed by the Washington, D.C. consultants that funding standards would be reverted back.

8.0 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

No information items were presented.

9.0 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Water Policy Task Force meeting scheduled for April 24, 2008 has been cancelled.

10.0 **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no future items.

11.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting of the Regional Council will be held on May 8, 2008 in conjunction with the General Assembly at the Ontario Convention Center, in the City of Ontario.



Hasan Ikhrata, Executive Director